



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 6944-17

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Scott Vanstone et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2131  
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Application No.: 09/390,362 ) Examiner: Odaiche T. Akpati  
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Filed: September 7, 1999 )  
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For: Hybrid Signature Scheme )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 28, 2003. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a two month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$420.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate    | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Total   | 13                                  | - | 20                                |                  | x \$ 18 | \$                |
| Indep.  | 2                                   | - | 3                                 |                  | x \$ 86 |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) |                                     |   |                                   |                  | +\$290  |                   |
| Subtotal  |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         | \$                |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity                                      |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         | -                 |
| TOTAL   |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         | \$                |

- ☐ A fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☐ A fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$420.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: January 20, 2004

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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